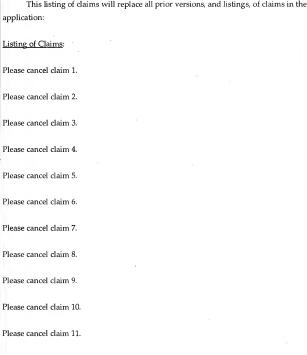
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the



12. (currently amended) A seam for use in sealing ductwork, said seam having a male end portion integrally formed with said ductwork, said seam comprising:

a female end portion integrally formed with said ductwork; and wherein said female end portion includes a first fold which is bent at a break point of a wall of said ductwork said duct wall to extend at a hemmed angle towards an interior of said ductwork, a second fold which is bent back upon said first fold and extends substantially adjacent to said break point, a third fold beginning substantially adjacent to said break point and extending substantially parallel to said wall said duct wall, and a fourth fold which is bent back against said third fold to define a female groove for accommodating said male end portion therein.

 (original) A seam for ductwork according to claim 12, said seam further comprising:

a sealing fold integrally formed at a distal end of said fourth fold, said sealing fold being bent at a sealing angle to said fourth fold prior to said male portion being inserted into said female groove.

- (original) The seam for ductwork according to claim 12, wherein:
 said hemmed angle is between 10 to 60 degrees.
- (original) The seam for ductwork according to claim 12, wherein:
 said hemmed angle is approximately 30 degrees.
- (original) The seam for ductwork according to claim 12, wherein:
 said sealing angle is between 45 to 60 degrees.

Please cancel claim 17.

Please cancel claim 18.

Please cancel claim 19.

20. (previously amended) A method for forming a seam for ductwork having a male end portion integrally formed at a distal end of a duct wall, said method comprising the steps of:

integrally forming a female end portion at another distal end of said duct wall; and

integrally forming said female end portion includes bending a first fold beginning at a break point of said duct wall to extend at a hemmed angle towards an interior of said ductwork, bending a second fold back upon said first fold to extend substantially adjacent to said break point, bending a third fold beginning substantially adjacent said break point and extending substantially parallel to said duct wall, and bending a fourth fold back against said third fold to define a female groove for accommodating said male end portion therein.

21. (original) The method for forming a seam for ductwork according to claim 20, said method further comprising the steps of:

integrally forming a sealing fold at a distal end of said fourth fold; and bending said sealing fold to be transverse to said female groove prior to said male portion being inserted into said female groove.